

Claims

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A container having an opening mechanism for opening at least a part of the container to allow access to the contents thereof, said opening mechanism comprising an opening member moveable by the user into a position where it is urged against at least a part of the container, said urging causing said part to be separated from remaining container material to form an aperture through which the contents of the container can be accessed wherein said opening member is further moveable, after the container has been opened, into a position where it engages with a shaped member projecting from a surface of the top of the container, which member acts to urge at least a part of the opening member into sealing contact with the aperture.

10. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9 wherein the opening mechanism comprises a ring pull mechanism.

11. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9 wherein the opening mechanism comprises a part adapted for a finger grip for gripping by a user during operation.

12. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9 wherein said at least a part of the container which is separated, in use, is an area defined by a line of weakness in the container material.

13. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 10 wherein said at least a part of the container which is separated, in use, is an area defined by a line of weakness in the container material.

14. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 11 wherein said at least a part of the container which is separated, in use, is an area defined by a line of weakness in the container material.

15. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9 wherein said shaped member is formed with at least one ramp surface up which a part of the opening member can be moved when moving into a closed position.

16. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 10 wherein said shaped member is formed with at least one ramp surface up which a part of the opening member can be moved when moving into a closed position.

17. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 11 wherein said shaped member is formed with at least one ramp surface up which a part of the opening member can be moved when moving into a closed position.

18. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 12 wherein said shaped member is formed with at least one ramp surface up which a part of the opening member can be moved when moving into a closed position.

19. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 13 wherein said shaped member is formed with at least one ramp surface up which a part of the opening member can be moved when moving into a closed position.

20. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 14 wherein said shaped member is formed with at least one ramp surface up which a part of the opening member can be moved when moving into a closed position.

21. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9 wherein said opening member has at least a part thereof shaped so as to define an elongate tongue which facilitates gripping of the member by a user.
22. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 10 wherein said opening member has at least a part thereof shaped so as to define an elongate tongue which facilitates gripping of the member by a user.
23. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 11 wherein said opening member has at least a part thereof shaped so as to define an elongate tongue which facilitates gripping of the member by a user.
24. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 15 wherein said opening member has at least a part thereof shaped so as to define an elongate tongue which facilitates gripping of the member by a user.
25. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 16 wherein said opening member has at least a part thereof shaped so as to define an elongate tongue which facilitates gripping of the member by a user.
26. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 17 wherein said opening member has at least a part thereof shaped so as to define an elongate tongue which facilitates gripping of the member by a user.
27. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 21, wherein the elongate tongue, when lifted by a user, exerts a lever action about a point between its ends, which acts to urge a part of the opening member into sealing engagement with a dispense aperture.

28. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 22, wherein the elongate tongue, when lifted by a user, exerts a lever action about a point between its ends, which acts to urge a part of the opening member into sealing engagement with a dispense aperture.

29. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 23, wherein the elongate tongue, when lifted by a user, exerts a lever action about a point between its ends, which acts to urge a part of the opening member into sealing engagement with a dispense aperture.

30. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 24, wherein the elongate tongue, when lifted by a user, exerts a lever action about a point between its ends, which acts to urge a part of the opening member into sealing engagement with a dispense aperture.

31. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 25, wherein the elongate tongue, when lifted by a user, exerts a lever action about a point between its ends, which acts to urge a part of the opening member into sealing engagement with a dispense aperture.

32. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 26, wherein the elongate tongue, when lifted by a user, exerts a lever action about a point between its ends, which acts to urge a part of the opening member into sealing engagement with a dispense aperture.